"Three Oaks"

Dade Co, Georgia, Feb 7th 1875

Wm. Lloyd. Garrison

My Dear Friend,

I have long thought of writing you a few lines, as well as to our dear departed Friend, Gerrit Smith and now the Sudden departure of the latter, as well as the departure of many of our old Antislavery Friends reminds me "That procrastination is the theif of time" for we do not Know whose turn may come next. I am now in my 78th year, a grater age than I ever expected to attain. What do you think of difficulties in Some of our Southern States? and and the action of the General Government toward them, to me it Shows the necessity for the passage of Sumners Civil Rights Bill or Something near it.

We have lived on Lookout Mountain between two and three years. we like the location very much, but we of course miss the Society of congenial friends, friends very much, but the old settlers are very Kind, but mostly quite ignorant. we have one family here that are very intelligent people the man was an officer in the Confederate Army but is very much of a Gentleman and a very Kind good neighbour, in a conversation with him about the Settlement of northern people here, he Said that the intelligent part of community was in favor of it, but observed that there were Some ignorent People that did not Know that the war was over yet, that were opposed to it. I believe this was one of the States that offered a large reward for your Head Some years ago, but now your likeness of a large Size hangs up

in our Sitting room without any objection, and we should like very much to have you visit us in our new home. our Summers are very beautiful — nights cooler than at the north, without annoyance from Mosquitoes we are about 2100 feet above the level of the Sea, we have some cold weather in winter, but very little Snow. the mercury has been down once this winter to four above zero the coldest that I have known, since we have been here. My original family are all gone except my eldest Daughter Mrs. Stebbins and my youngest Son George Thompson, the former living in Detroit, the latter in Rochester N.Y. I am now living with a Second Wife a native of Philadelphia, and I am enjoying my old age with her very much When at Moravia three years ago, I saw my former Wife and two of my Sons and

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conversed with them face to face
you may have seen some account of
it from the pen of Thomas. K. Hazard
My Wife said "I know what thee
has passed through my dear and I thank
God that I can comfort thee" I remarked
to the circle that we had lived together
46 years She remarked "We live
together in Spirit now," the first remark
of my eldest Son (who had been sceptical
about a future existance) was "We still
live" and then added "We are glad
thee has got a dear companion to cheer
thee in thy old age".
If you have any late Card Photographs
to spare I should be very glad to place
one in our Albums. I hope to hear from
you soon if your time is not too much
taken up. My Wife (Louisa) joines me
in love to your Self and family
Affectionately your Friend
Benjamin Jesty